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(e) *Marital status.* Applicant must be unmarried. (Any cadet who marries is disenrolled from the Academy.)

(f) *Dependents.* Applicant must not have a legal obligation to support a child, children, or any other person.

NOTE: For the purpose of this regulation, children are defined as the natural children of a parent and adopted children whose adoption proceedings were initiated before their 15th birthday.

(g) *Medical requirements for admission.* Before being admitted to the academy, candidates must take a medical examination and meet the medical standards outlined in AFRs 160-13 and 160-43. All candidates must meet the medical standards specified by the Secretary of the Air Force. Waivers may be granted by the Air Force Academy Command Surgeon. As specified by HQ USAF, most of the candidates admitted to the Academy must meet the eligibility standards for flying training.

§ 901.5 Academic examination requirements.

Before being offered an appointment, candidates must take either the College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP) or the American College Testing Program (ACT) test.

(a) *ATP.* A candidate who elects to use the ATP tests must take the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT). The candidate is encouraged but not required to take achievement tests of English Composition and Level 1 (Standard) Mathematics or Level II (Intensive) Mathematics. (Level 1 recommended for candidates without advanced high school mathematics.)

(b) *ACT.* Candidates who elect to use the ACT tests must take the complete battery of tests: English, mathematics, social studies, and natural sciences.

§ 901.6 Candidate fitness test requirement.

Before being offered an appointment, candidates must take a Candidate Fitness Test (CFT) which consists of exercises designed to measure muscular strength, coordination, and aerobic power. Waivers to the CFT requirement may be granted by the Air Force Academy Director of Athletics if a candidate's participation in high school athletics conflicts with test administration dates and the candidate clearly

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demonstrates an acceptable level of physical fitness.

Subpart B—Nomination Procedures and Requirements

§ 901.7 Precandidate evaluation.

The Air Force Academy conducts a precandidate evaluation program as an initial step in the admissions process and as an aid to Members of Congress in screening their applicants for nomination.

(a) Applicants normally are sent a precandidate packet, including USAFA Form 149, Precandidate Questionnaire, with a request for the applicant to provide academic, athletic, leadership, and medical information.

(b) The Academy evaluates the precandidate information and provides an analysis to appropriate congressional offices. Such information gives the nominating authorities an indication of the applicant's potential to qualify for admission and the applicant's self-reported medical status; it does not, however, reflect the applicant's final admission status. It is intended only to aid in selecting the best-qualified applicants for nomination.

(c) Applicants whose evaluation indicates they are fully qualified will be notified and advised to seek a nomination. Individuals whose evaluations reflect areas needing improvement are informed and encouraged to submit additional test scores or information in an effort to meet the qualifying levels.

§ 901.8 Congressional and U.S. Possessions categories.

Individuals who meet the basic eligibility requirements of § 901.4 may apply for a nomination according to their domicile (permanent legal residence).

(a) U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, the District of Columbia Delegate to the House of Representatives, and the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico are each authorized a quota of five cadets attending the Academy at any one time. If a vacancy occurs in their quota, each may nominate ten candidates to fill each vacancy.

(b) Delegates in Congress from Guam and from the Virgin Islands are each

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authorized a quota of two cadets attending the Academy at any one time. If a vacancy occurs in their quota, each may make ten nominations. Eligible residents may apply for a nomination directly to their Delegate.

(c) The Governor of Puerto Rico, the Delegate from American Samoa, and the Panama Canal Commission Administrator may each have one cadet attending the Academy and each may nominate ten candidates to fill their vacancy.

(1) Applicants domiciled in and natives of Puerto Rico may apply to the Governor of Puerto Rico in addition to the Resident Commissioner.

(2) Applicants domiciled in American Samoa may apply to their Delegate.

(3) Children of civilian personnel of the U.S. Government residing in the Republic of Panama who are citizens of the United States may apply to the Panama Canal Commission Administrator.

(d) Nominating authorities in these categories normally submit their nominations by January 31 for the class entering the following summer.

(1) These nominating authorities may nominate only if a vacancy occurs from their authorized quota of cadets attending the Academy. Vacancies normally occur from graduation or separation of cadets from the Academy. Failure of a member of a graduating class to complete the Academy program with his class does not delay the admission of his or her successor. HQ USAF/DPPA maintains the master records of cadets nominated and appointed, determines vacancies in each nominating authority's quota, and validates nominations submitted by each nominating authority.

(2) These nominating authorities forward their nominations on DD Form 1870, Nomination for Appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, Naval Academy, or Air Force Academy, for each Air Force Academy nominee through HQ USAF/DPPA, Washington, DC 20330-5060, to USAFA/RRS, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651.

§ 901.9 Vice-Presidential category.

The Vice President of the United States nominates from the United

States at large, and is authorized a quota of five cadets attending the Academy at any one time. For each vacancy occurring in the quota, ten individuals may be nominated to fill the vacancy. Requests for a nomination are submitted directly to the Vice President no later than October 31. Any individual who meets the basic eligibility requirements of § 901.4 may apply to the Vice President for a nomination. The Vice President forwards nominations on DD Form 1870 for each Air Force Academy nominee through HQ USAF/DPPA, Washington, DC 20330-5060, to USAFA/RRS, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651.

§ 901.10 Presidential category.

Appointments to fill vacancies from this category are made from candidates in order of merit. One hundred appointments are authorized each year.

(a) The child of a Regular or Reserve member of the Armed Forces of the United States is eligible for nomination if:

(1) The parent is on active duty and has completed 8 years of continuous active duty service (other than for training) by July 1 of the year that the candidate would enter the U.S. Air Force Academy; or

(2) The parent was retired with pay or was granted retired or retainer pay (children of reservists retired and receiving pay pursuant to 10 U.S.C., chapter 67, are ineligible); or

(3) The parent died after retiring with pay or died after being granted retired or retainer pay (children of such reservists who were retired and receiving pay pursuant to 10 U.S.C., chapter 67, are ineligible); and

(4) The applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements for the Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CODDV) nomination category. (By law, a person eligible for appointment consideration under the DOCCV category is not a candidate in the Presidential category.)

(b) An eligible individual applies to USAFA/RRS, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651. A suggested letter format is included in the precandidate packet. The nominating period opens on May 1 and closes January 31. Applicants do not write directly